

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have failed in checking the child labour in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of children working as labourers as on date and the manner in which it compare with the previous three years;
- (d) the quantum of money spent on rehabilitation of child labour during the last three years;
- (e) whether the amount has been fully utilised; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): Government has a National Policy on Child Labour which contains as action plan for dealing with the problem of child labour. It envisages;

- A legislative action plan,
- Focussing on general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible, and
- Project-based action plan in areas of high concentration of child labour engaged in wage/quasi-wage employment.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual, sequential approach has been adopted to withdraw and rehabilitate child labourers.

(c): Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million.

(d) to (f): The total expenditure for all the child labour schemes during the last three years is Rs. 7845.75 lakhs.